

# THORN-CLARKE

— BAROSSA WINEMAKERS —

## EDEN VALLEY SINGLE VINEYARD SELECTION CHARDONNAY

2018



### THE BRAND

The Single Vineyard Selection range focuses on single site, small batch wines, highlighting the true characteristics of each individual variety. Each block is hand selected by our winemaker and viticulturist each year, choosing the wines that best reflect the strengths of each individual vintage.

### WINEMAKERS NOTE

A light straw coloured Eden Valley Chardonnay showing lifted fruit along with complex winemaking characters. The nose displays white peach, grapefruit and smoky background oak. The palate is refined and textural with abundant stone fruit and pear flavours. Aged in French oak barrels that compliment the fruit and add complexity, the palate finishes with mouth filling fruit and flinty minerality.

### VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season had all the hallmarks of a classic vintage. Consistent warm temperatures produced perfect conditions for our Eden Valley whites to ripen. This along with good winter rains and a dry harvest period resulted in vibrant varietal flavours, excellent natural acidity and a long balanced finish.

### WINEMAKING

Sourced from our most southern vineyard in Mt Crawford, this Chardonnay was harvested during the cool of night. The grapes were then destemmed and pressed immediately. Only free run juice was used to create this wine. Fermentation of this wine was carried out in stainless steel tanks and a small portion of French oak barrels (new & old). The oak portion was fermented using wild yeast to increase the complexity and the tank portion was inoculated with chardonnay specific yeast to allow the fruit to express itself. Once full primary fermentation and partial malolactic fermentation was completed, the two portions were blended and filled back into oak to mature for a period of 12 months on lees. The wine was then racked and bottled. This wine has had minimal fining and filtration.

**ALCOHOL - 12.0%    WINEMAKER - PETER KELLY**

**VINEYARD - BLOCK 1, MOUNT CRAWFORD**